

Senate Resolution 1400

By: Senators Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Harp of the 29th and Cowser of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the faculty, staff, students, and Board Chairman Dr. Michael C. Markovitz of
2 Atlanta's John Marshall Law School; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School was founded in 1933 as the Law School
4 of the South and was later renamed in honor of our most famous Supreme Court Chief
5 Justice; and

6 WHEREAS, for the past 76 years, the school has served Atlanta and the State of Georgia as
7 an opportunity law school for nontraditional or adult learners; and

8 WHEREAS, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School demonstrates a history of integration and
9 diversity among its student body and has produced excellent lawyers with a social
10 conscience; and

11 WHEREAS, with a current enrollment of 560 law students, Atlanta's John Marshall Law
12 School offers aspiring lawyers full-time and part-time programs with 36 full-time professors;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the mission of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School is to prepare highly
15 competent and professional lawyers who possess a strong social conscience, continually
16 demonstrate high ethical standards, and are committed to the improvement of the legal
17 system and society; and

18 WHEREAS, the school offers an intellectually rigorous academic program, with
19 opportunities for professional skills education, and provides access to a high-quality program
20 of legal education by maintaining a flexible program of full-time and part-time law study;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, students of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School are prepared to anticipate and
23 adapt to future developments in the law and instilled with the highest sense of the
24 professionalism and ethical and moral responsibilities required of members of the legal
25 profession; and

26 WHEREAS, the faculty of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School are dedicated to achieving
27 the highest standards of classroom teaching, scholarship that informs their teaching, and
28 service to the legal community; and

29 WHEREAS, academic support programs are offered to students from diverse educational
30 backgrounds, and students are encouraged to engage in pro bono activities and to provide
31 legal services to historically underserved communities upon their admission to the Bar; and

32 WHEREAS, the American Bar Association granted Atlanta's John Marshall Law School full
33 approval in 2009, and it continues to demonstrate strength, purpose, and excellence for legal
34 education in Georgia.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 recognize Atlanta's John Marshall Law School as a superb provider of legal education and
37 congratulate its faculty, staff, students, and Board Chairman Dr. Michael C. Markovitz on
38 the school's achievement of accreditation from the American Bar Association.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dean Richard Lynn of Atlanta's John
41 Marshall Law School.